

**3rd Sunday of Advent - Matthew 11: 2-11**

By this time, John the Baptist is in prison and he asks his followers to go and see if Jesus is Christ, the long awaited Messiah. Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.



Gold Awards

Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	Theodore Redman for making good progress in phonics.
Year 1	Arlo Pullen for developing his confidence to join in with class discussions and share his ideas. Well done Arlo!
Year 2	Corinne Slack for her enthusiasm to learn, and showing so much more confidence in everything that she does! Well done Corinne!
Year 3	Kasia-May Heart For making super progress in her maths work during this term.
Year 4	Phoebe Kenny for good behaviour, putting care into your work and really trying your best in your tests. Well done!
Year 5	Pippa Maughan for having a fantastic week, coming into class with a lovely smile everyday and showing true determination in maths!
Year 6	No award this week—will be given next week.

Super Citizens

 For children showing the Gospel Value of **Humility**.

Reception	Oakley Barker for consoling a friend when they were upset.
Year 1	Jaxon Whalley for showing humility by complimenting his friends and being a kind friend to others. Well done Jaxon!
Year 2	Evie-Mae Ross for showing kindness, being a great listener and always demonstrating humility in everything she does! Thank you Evie-Mae!
Year 3	Ollie Tyson For being a kind and caring talk partner. Always showing patience, being encouraging and helpful without ever needing to be asked.
Year 4	Frankie Rea for showing kindness to others and a willingness to help without being asked or rewarded. Well done Frankie!
Year 5	Paul Hankinson for always putting others before himself through his kindness, patience
Year 6	Teddy Eastham for always doing the right thing and offering to help.



School email addresses are changing from today, as we migrate into the Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust communication system.

To contact us in school from today, please use the following email address:

staff@alstonlane.mecmat.org



Communication from Arbor will not change, so please continue to use this in the same way.

Additional Hamper / Voucher Raffle

Since the Christmas Fair, we have been fortunate to acquire more goodies and vouchers to raffle off.



QUICK RAFFLE

3 wonderful hampers have been put together containing food, drink and some special gift vouchers.

£5 per ticket over just a few days. Who will win them?

Tickets available at the school office.

Closes on Thursday 18th.

The 'Name the Elf' competition is still running in school. If you would like to buy a square, please bring £1 to the school office. The prize is the Elf cuddly toy and a £20 Smyth's Toy voucher.

Our Lady & St Michael's Church - Alston Lane



School Masses - Thursdays at 9am (unless stated otherwise)

18th Dec 9.30am Whole school Mass

Parents are welcome to attend these Masses.

Mass Times at Alston Lane

Saturday evening at 5pm

Sunday morning at 8:30am and 10:30am

All are welcome at Mass



Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Our collection total was £329.69, which was the largest single amount in this region!

The district total was £17,322.57

Admission to Primary School

For September 2026

The closing date for Reception Class applications is Thursday 15th January 2026. Applications are made online through Lancashire County Council's website.

YOU MUST also complete our Supplementary Application form and return it to us.

For September 2027

A new admissions policy is being consulted upon. Sent to parents on Wednesday 3rd December.

PE Kit, School Shoes & Ear Rings

Children should have a coloured T-shirt, in their house colour for PE lessons.



Suitable shoes are mandatory for school. Trainers should not be worn in school unless as part of the PE Kit.



Ear Rings should not be worn in school.



Interested in nursery places? Please contact Mrs Patel, Mrs Rooke or Mrs Harrison for information. Alternatively, pop into the school office.

Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using childcare in Lancashire

Scan the QR code to access our short survey

<https://online1.sapsurveys.com/1e7570>

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare >>> Lancashire County Council



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All you need to know about our Christmas Events this year...



Junior Carol Service

Monday 8th December from 6pm.

KS2 have been practising for our upcoming carol concert on Monday.

It is a great way to start the Christmas festivities and important that all children in KS2 attend.

The carol concert is in **Church and Hall** at 6:00pm, but we ask that the children **arrive for 5:45pm** so we can get into position and be ready to start promptly.

Children are allowed to wear a **Christmas jumper with their uniform on the night**.

If you have any questions or need anymore information, please pop me an email or ask at the school office.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 10th December

Order on the day

Festive Roast with chipolata sausage & Yorkshire pudding served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

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Quorn fillet & Yorkshire pudding, served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

Sweet Christmas Treat for dessert

Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long

Wednesday 10th December at 2.30pm

Nursery parents are welcome to come and join us for this fun sing-a-long.

Infant Nativity

Wednesday 17th December at 2pm & 6pm

Join us in the school hall for the nativity. Reception class will perform during the 2pm performance but not in the evening.

Whole School Mass

Thursday 18th December at 9.30am

Come and join us for our end of term Mass in church.

Christmas Parties in school

Nursery

Wednesday 17th December - from 1.30pm until 3pm

Y1 - Y6

Friday 19th December - during school time

Children may come to school in their Christmas party clothes. All classes will receive time in the hall for dancing and party games.

School Dinners

In line with Lancashire County Council's meal pricing,
the cost of a school meal is now £2.90

Winter Week 1 (15th Dec, 5th Jan, 26th Jan, 9th March, 20th April)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Big brunch: pork sausage or veg sausage (v), omelette, crispy potatoes and beans	Loaded mild beef or veg chilli (v) nachos with rice and salad	Roast chicken or Quorn fillet (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Booths Beef or Veg Burger (v) With paprika wedges	Fish Fingers with chips
2	Pasta twists with dough balls (v)	Lancashire butter pie with veg or baked beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with herby bread (v)	Mac 'n' cheese with crusty bread (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & chips

Winter Week 2 (12th Jan, 2nd Feb, 23rd Feb, 16th March)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Loaded pizza panini with paprika wedges and peas (v)	Crispy chicken or veg (v) Goujons & Katsu curry sauce with rainbow rice.	Pork or Veg (v) Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, mash & veg	Spaghetti Bolognaise & Dough Balls (v)	Crispy battered Fish & chips
2	Tomato & mascarpone pasta with herby bread (v)	Puff pastry cheese whirl with herby potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pasta spirals & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)	Choice of filled omelette with wedges and beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

Winter Week 3 (19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13 Apr)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Pork & carrot meatballs or Veg meatballs (v), mild chilli & sweet pepper sauce, rice and salad	Savoury mince & dumplings with mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots	Roast Chicken or Quorn (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Chicken curry or veg curry (v) with mixed rice and naan bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
2	Harry Ramsden's salmon and sweet potato fishcake with herby potatoes (v)	Pasta tubes & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with herby Bread (v)	Vegetarian sausage roll, paprika potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

Dates for the Diary

December

- 17 Nursery Christmas party 1.30 - 3pm
- 17 Infant nativity in the hall - 2pm and 6pm
- 18 9.30am End of term whole school Mass
- 19 Y1 - Y6 Christmas parties
- 19 School closes for Christmas

January

- 5 School reopens for the spring term
- 6 Year 3 swimming block starts till 15th Jan
- 15 Year 6 Viking Day
- 26 3pm Year 4 Class Worship - Parents invited

February

- 13 Close for half term
- 23 Inset Day - school closed
- 24 School reopens for spring 2 half term
- 25 Year 4 swimming block starts until 6th March

March

- 5 World Book Day
- 9 3pm Year 6 Class Worship - Parents invited
- 10 Science Roadshows
- 16 6.30pm Full Governors' Meeting
- 23 Parents' Evening day 1 - in school
- 24 Parents' Evening day 2 - in school
- 26 2.45pm Class Worship - Easter Focus - Year 3
- 27 Close for Easter holidays

April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 13 School reopens for summer term

May

- 4 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 11-14 KS2 SATs Week
- 14-20 Book Fair
- 18-20 Year 4 at Tower Wood
- 18 3pm Year 1 Class Worship - Parents invited
- 21 Close for half term
- 22 INSET Day - school closed

June

- 1 School reopens for summer 2 half term
- 15 3pm Reception Class Worship - Parents invited
- 15 Class Photographs
- 15 6.30pm Full Governors Meeting
- 16 Sports Day - Juniors 1pm / Infants 2.30pm
- 27 Grimsargh Field Day - all invited to take part

July

- 2 Move Up Day (Y6 at Secondary Schools)
- 13 Reports to Parents
- 13 Leavers' Mass 6pm
- 15 Governors' SEC meeting 6pm
- 17 9.30am End of Year Whole School Mass
- 17 2.30pm Leavers' Assembly
- 17 Close at 3.30pm

**Some dates may change if necessary.
Please look regularly for changes.**